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PLAINFIELD WOMAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Christine Olson, 42, Plainfield, Ind., was charged today with theft of public funds, following an investigation by the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations.

The charging document alleges that over the course of more than two years, from January 2007 through October 2009, Olson converted to her own use about \$42,266 dollars of Social Security Survivor's Benefits to which she was not entitled.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Olson faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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